

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, September 6, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (16/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representatives Drolet, Accavitti, Hunter. (3/19)

Representative Mayes made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 21, 2006, supported by Representative Baxter. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 6358 before the Committee.

HB 6358 Proos	Public utilities; restructuring; oversight of proposed mergers, sales, or acquisitions of public utilities; clarify.
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Representative Proos reviewed the provisions of HB 6358 with the Committee and answered questions.

The following individuals submitted cards for HB 6358:

J. Lemoniar and M. Schulte, representing the Communications Workers of America, in support

Fred Anderson, representing MiAct, written statement submitted

Rick Gamber, representing the Michigan Consumer Federation, in support

Bill Knox, representing the AARP, in support

Greg White, representing the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC), spoke to the Committee regarding HB 6358 and merger-review authority and answered questions.

James Ault, representing the Michigan Electric and Gas Association, spoke to the Committee and indicated a neutral position on the bill.

Representative Proos made a motion to adopt HB 6358 (H-1), supported by Representative Dillon.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (16/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: None. (0/19) (16/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Proos made a motion to report HB 6358 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Dillon.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Moore, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Mayes, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (16/19)

Nays: None. (0/19)

Pass: None. (0/19) (16/0/0)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Stahl made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Moore. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 10:25 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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